

OPINION 1966

***Gnomulus* Thorell, 1890 (Arachnida, Opiliones): *Gnomulus sumatranus* Thorell, 1891 designated as the type species**

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Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary power all previous fixations of type species for the nominal genus *Gnomulus* Thorell, 1890 are hereby set aside and *Gnomulus sumatranus* Thorell, 1891 is designated as the type species.
- (2) The name *Gnomulus* Thorell, 1890 (gender: masculine), type species by designation under the plenary power in (1) above *Gnomulus sumatranus* Thorell, 1891, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *sumatranus* Thorell, 1891, as published in the binomen *Gnomulus sumatranus* and as defined by the male lectotype from Mount Singalang, West Sumatra, now in the Museo Civico di Storia Naturale, Genoa, designated by Schwendinger & Martens (1999) (specific name of the type species of *Gnomulus* Thorell, 1890) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 3116

An application to conserve the usage of *Gnomulus* Thorell, 1890 by the designation of *G. sumatranus* Thorell, 1891 as the type species was received from Dr Peter J. Schwendinger (*Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle, Genève, Switzerland*) and Dr Jochen Martens (*Institut für Zoologie, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz, Mainz, Germany*) on 7 February 1999. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 56: 171–173 (September 1999). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

The publication by the authors of the application, referred to as 'in preparation' in para. 6 and the references, appeared in December 1999 in *Revue Suisse de Zoologie*, 106(4): 945–982. The paper included (p. 946) a discussion of the type species designation for *Gnomulus* and a note of the application, and (p. 958) designation of Thorell's (1891) male syntype of *G. sumatranus* as the lectotype.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 September 2000 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 56: 172–173. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 2000 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 18: Alonso-Zarazaga, Bock, Brothers, Calder, Cogger, Kraus, Lamas, Macpherson, Mahner, Martins de Souza, Mawatari, Ng, Nielsen, Papp, Patterson, Rosenberg, Song, Štys

Negative votes — 2: Bouchet and Kerzhner.

No votes were received from Dupuis, Eschmeyer and Ride.

Minelli was on leave of absence.

Bouchet commented: 'I am reluctant to use the plenary power to deal with a nomenclatural issue concerning a generic name (*Gnomulus* Thorell, 1890) that appears to have been used so rarely. The Code should apply'.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

Gnomulus Thorell, 1890, *Annali del Museo Civico di Storia Naturale di Genova*, (2)**10**: 378.
sumatranus, *Gnomulus*, Thorell, 1891, *Annali del Museo Civico di Storia Naturale di Genova*, (2)**10**: 759.

The following is the reference for the designation of the lectotype of *Gnomulus sumatranus* Thorell, 1891:

Schwendinger, P.J. & Martens, J. 1999. *Revue Suisse de Zoologie*, **106**(4): 958.